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SUBJECT: IVORIAN CABINET CHANGES

1. PRESIDENCY TODAY ANNOUNCED SWEEPING CHANGES IN IVORIAN GOVERNMENT. NUMBER OF CABINET POSITIONS REDUCED FROM 36 TO 30. NINE MINISTERS HAVE LEFT GOVERNMENT ENTIRELY AND THREE NEW MINISTERS APPOINTED. AMONG MOST DRAMATIC CHANGES ARE:

FOREIGN AFFAIRS: ASSOUAN USHER LEAVES GOVERNMENT, REPLACED BY UN AMBASSADOR SIMEON AKE.

ECONOMY AND FINANCE: HENRI KONAN BEDIE LEAVES GOVERNMENT, REPLACED BY BUDGET MINISTER ABDOULAYE KONE.

PLAN: MOHAMED DIAWARA LEAVES GOVERNMENT, FUNCTIONS ALSO ASSUMED BY ABDOULAYE KONE.

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AGRICULTURE: ABDOULAYE SAWADOGO LEAVES GOVERNMENT, REPLACED BY DENIS BRA KANON, DIRECTOR OF OFFICE FOR AGRICULTURAL MODERNIZATION.

INTERIOR: MINISTER OF STATE MATHIEU EKRA WILL HEAD NEW MINISTRY FOR REFORM OF STATE SOCIETIES, AND BE REPLACED BY

MINISTER OF CONSTRUCTION THIERRY LEBBE.

CULTURE: JULES HIE NEA LEAVES GOVERNMENT, REPLACED BY
WELL-KNOWN AUTHOR AND POET BERNARD DADIE.

2. LEAVING GOVERNMENT AND NOT REPLACED ARE LOUA DIOMANDE,
MINISTER OF STATE; KAUL MELEDJE, COOPERATION (MINISTRY
ABOLISHED); YAO KOUMAN, SOCIAL AFFAIRS (COMBINED WITH HEALTH
AND POPULATION); DACOURY TABLEY, PROTECTION OF NATURE
(ABOLISHED).

3. OTHER MINISTRIES ABOLISHED ARE BUDGET (PREVIOUSLY ABDOULAYE
KONE, WHO WILL PRESUMABLY CARRY FUNCTIONS WITH HIM TO ECONOMY,
FINANCE AND PLAN); AND CONSTRUCTION (TO BE COMBINED WITH
PUBLIC WORKS). MINISTER OF LABOR VANI BI TRA WILL TAKE
ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR IVORIANIZATION.

4. COMPLETE GOVERNMENT LIST FOLLOWS SEPTEL.
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